

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular headlamp for emitting light toward a predetermined emitting direction, comprising:
  - a linear light source including a plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices  
approximately aligned; and
  - an optical component provided commonly to said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices, having its ~~optical center~~ focus on one of said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices, operable to irradiate light emitted by said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices toward said emitting direction.
2. (Currently Amended) A vehicular headlamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein
  - said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices are aligned in a predetermined aligning direction;
  - said one semiconductor light emitting device has a side at an end thereof, said side extending in said aligning direction; and
  - said optical component has said optical center on said side and forms at least a part of a cut line for defining a boundary between a bright region and a dark region in a light distribution pattern of said vehicular headlamp based on light emitted by a portion near said side of said one semiconductor light emitting device.
3. (Original) A vehicular headlamp as claimed in claim 2, wherein
  - said vehicular headlamp emits said light ahead of an automobile, and
  - said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices are aligned in an approximately transverse direction of the automobile.
4. (Original) A vehicular headlamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein
  - an odd number of semiconductor light emitting devices are provided, and
  - said optical component has said optical center on one of said semiconductor light emitting devices that is positioned at a center of them.

5. (Original) A vehicular headlamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
an even number of semiconductor light emitting devices are provided, said  
semiconductor light emitting devices being arranged asymmetrically with respect  
to said optical center of said optical component, and  
said optical component forms at least a part of a light distribution pattern of said  
vehicular headlamp based on said light emitted by said semiconductor light  
emitting devices.
6. (New) A vehicular headlamp for emitting light toward a predetermined emitting direction,  
comprising:  
a plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices approximately aligned;  
an optical component comprising a reflecting mirror surrounding at least one direction of  
said semiconductor light emitting devices, said reflecting mirror comprising at  
least in part thereof an elliptical plane, and said reflecting mirror having a focus  
on one of said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices, operable to  
irradiate light emitted by said plurality of semiconductor light emitting devices  
toward said emitting direction.